

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 204

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Elijah “Regen” Morris for his courageous battle against cancer.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those children who, although combating a life-threatening medical condition, exhibit courage and fortitude far beyond their years, serving as an inspiration to their friends, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, Regen Morris, a twelve-year-old student at Pi Beta Phi in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, is one such estimable child who was diagnosed with Anaplastic Astrocytoma, a form of brain cancer; and

WHEREAS, Regen has been hospitalized since November 5, 2012, and is currently undergoing aggressive treatment at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital for three malignant tumors; and

WHEREAS, he fights courageously, enduring intensive chemotherapy and radiation treatments as well as multiple physical therapy sessions; each performed in an effort to cure him from this dreadful illness and help him regain the mobility and speech that have been lost during his battle; and

WHEREAS, Regen is always encouraged in his efforts by his devoted and loving family and friends who have prayed ceaselessly for his recovery; and

WHEREAS, blessed with an infectious smile and a heart of gold, Regen is an extremely kind-hearted and compassionate individual whose life lessons on faith, determination, and grace in the face of adversity truly serve as an inspiration to his entire community; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Regen Morris, praise him for his uplifting spirit, and commend his strong showing of bravery and fortitude at such a tender age; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Elijah "Regen" Morris for his amazing personal strength and courage in his fight with cancer and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a complete recovery and return to excellent health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.